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USING THEREFOR, AND HEAT TREATMENT FOR CONTAINER

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on October 1, 2005. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for three-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to January 1, 2005. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the indicated paragraphs with the attached amended paragraphs.